

**Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United  
States of America and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic**

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties") have agreed to the following:

Article 1

The purpose of this agreement is to address issues related to United States Department of Defense personnel (hereinafter referred to as United States personnel) present in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic in connection with cooperative efforts in response to terrorism, humanitarian assistance, providing assistance to the Government of Afghanistan in the area of security, and other mutually agreed activities.

Article 2

United States personnel shall be accorded a status equivalent to that accorded to the administrative and technical staff of the Embassy of the United States of America under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic

Relations of April 18, 1961, when they are at agreed facilities and areas, (which are defined as those Kyrgyz facilities and areas that are in use by United States personnel during the period in which this Agreement is in effect) or are enroute to or from agreed facilities and areas. Such personnel shall be accorded such status elsewhere in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, on official duty or for any other purpose.

The Government of the United States shall inform the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in writing of the list of names or functions of said personnel. Names or functions may be provided collectively and for an unlimited duration.

Such personnel shall be permitted to enter and exit the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic with United States identification and with collective movement or individual travel orders.

Authorities of the Kyrgyz Republic shall accept as valid, without a driving fee or test, driving licenses or permits issued by the appropriate United States authorities to United States personnel for the operation of vehicles.

Such personnel shall be authorized to wear uniforms and carry weapons while performing official duties in accordance with their orders.

Off-duty personnel may possess weapons only in accordance with the laws of the Kyrgyz Republic.

### Article 3

Vehicles and aircraft owned or operated by or for the United States Armed Forces shall not be subject to the payment of landing, navigation, overflight or parking charges, overland transit fees, or similar charges while in the Kyrgyz Republic; however, the United States Armed Forces shall pay reasonable charges for services requested and received.

Aircraft owned or operated by, or at the time exclusively for the United States Department of Defense shall be free from inspection.

### Article 4

The United States Department of Defense, its personnel, contractors and contractor personnel shall not be liable to pay any tax or similar charge assessed within the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, except that contractors and contractor personnel normally resident in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic shall only be exempt from any tax or similar charge assessed within the Kyrgyz Republic in connection with activities under this Agreement. Such contractors and contractor personnel normally resident in

the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic remain taxable under Kyrgyz law in connection with activities not under this Agreement.

#### Article 5

The Government of the United States of America, its personnel, contractors and contractor personnel may import into, export out of, and use in the Kyrgyz Republic any personal property, equipment, supplies, materials, technology, training or services required to implement this agreement. Such importation, exportation and use shall be exempt from any inspection, license, other restrictions, customs duties, taxes or any other charges assessed within the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic.

#### Article 6

The Governments of the United States of America and the Kyrgyz Republic shall cooperate in taking such steps as shall be necessary to ensure the security of the United States personnel and property in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic.

#### Article 7

In the event that the Government of the United States of America awards contracts for the acquisition of articles and services, including construction, to implement this agreement, such contracts shall be awarded in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Government of the United States of America. Acquisition of articles and services in the Kyrgyz Republic by or on behalf of the Government of the United States of America in implementing this agreement shall not be subject to any taxes, customs duties or similar charges in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic.

#### Article 8

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic recognizes the particular importance of disciplinary control by U.S. military authorities over United States personnel and, therefore, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic authorizes the United States Government to exercise criminal jurisdiction over such personnel. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic confirm that such personnel may not be surrendered to, or otherwise transferred to, the custody of an international tribunal or any other entity or state without the express consent of the Government of the United States.

### Article 9

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic recognizes that it shall be necessary for U.S. personnel and systems to use the appropriate frequencies of the radio spectrum. The United States Government shall be allowed to operate its own telecommunication systems (as telecommunication is defined in the 1992 constitution of the international telecommunication union). This shall include the right to utilize such means and services as required to assure full ability to operate telecommunication systems and the right to use all necessary radio spectrum for this purpose. Use of radio spectrum owned by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be free of cost. Privately owned frequencies will be compensated for by mutual agreement of the parties.

### Article 10

For other than contractual claims, the parties waive any and all claims against each other for damage to, loss or destruction of property owned by each party, or death or injury to any personnel of the Armed Forces of either party, arising out of activities in the Kyrgyz Republic under this document. The United States Government shall pay, in accordance with United States law, fair and reasonable compensation in settlement of meritorious claims by

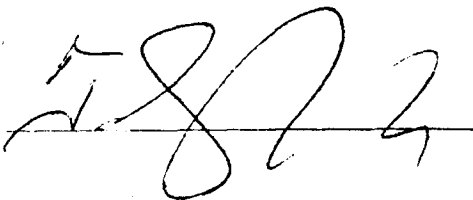
third parties, as determined by the United States Government, arising out of acts or omissions of United States personnel, or which are otherwise incident to noncombat activities of the United States Armed Forces under this Agreement.

Article 11

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later note completing an exchange of diplomatic notes between the Parties indicating that each has completed internal procedures necessary to bring this Agreement into force. The Agreement herein shall have a term of one year from the date of entry into force and thereafter shall continue to be in force unless terminated by either Party on 180 days written notice through the diplomatic channels.

Signed in duplicate in Bishkek on this thirteenth of May, 2009, in the English and Russian languages, each text being equally authentic.

**For the Government of the  
United States of America:**



**For the Government of the  
Kyrgyz Republic:**

